

**GCSE**  
**Religious Studies (World Religions)**  
**Christianity 1**  
**Specimen Paper**

**B571**

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper

**Additional materials:**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number clearly in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper.
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.
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This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

**1 (a)** What do Christians mean by the Trinity?

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**(b)** Explain what different Christians believe about judgement.

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**(c) 'It is impossible to forgive some people.'**

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

**[Turn over**

**2 (a)** Describe the ways Christians might keep Lent.

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**(b)** Explain why Lent is important for Christians.

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**(c)** 'Preparing for Easter is the most important thing a Christian can do.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

**[Turn over**

**3 (a)** Describe what is meant by ecumenism and give some examples of how it is put into practice.

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**(b)** Explain why Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians worship in different ways.

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### Extra Answer Space

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>What do Christians mean by the Trinity?</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with some of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Trinity as a way of believers expressing the three aspects of God which believers experience;</li> <li>• Three in one and one in three;</li> <li>• The Trinity means One God, but three persons – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit;</li> <li>• The Trinity helps to explain how Jesus was also God and how God is active in the world through the Holy Spirit;</li> <li>• Three persons all equal;</li> <li>• All eternal;</li> <li>• Quotes from the Creeds.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain what different Christians believe about judgement.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christians differ in their views;</li> <li>• Some expect a day of judgement at the end of time after death which will separate the good and bad, with punishment for the bad and a reward for the good;</li> <li>• Views about Heaven and Hell;</li> <li>• Roman Catholic beliefs about purgatory;</li> <li>• Others Christians see judgement as a daily event in this life and the next and as a part of a soul making process leading to eventual perfection and heaven for all;</li> <li>• The idea that just by being confronted with the purity of Jesus one is judged in this life;</li> <li>• The idea that God will allow sinners who repent to be forgiven and not face judgment;</li> <li>• Jesus as the advocate for Christians who will plead their case before God to save them from judgment and punishment;</li> <li>• Jesus as having already taken the punishment instead of it being inflicted on believers, despite their sinful natures.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(c)	<p><b>‘It is impossible to forgive some people.’</b></p> <p><b>Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer and show that you have thought about different points of view. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People like Hitler who have been so evil can never be allowed to join those he hurt in heaven. That would not be justice;</li> <li>• People who show no remorse or sorrow for what they have done cannot be forgiven;</li> <li>• Forgiving some really evil people is a sign of moral weakness;</li> </ul>	[12]

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People have to pay the price of their sins because God is a just God as well as a forgiving God.</li> <li>• Jesus said forgive 70x7 times (always forgive) so we must do the same despite what people have done or continue to do;</li> <li>• Humans may not be able to forgive, but God has infinite mercy and compassion and can forgive everyone without being unjust;</li> <li>• Parable of the labourers in the vineyard can be interpreted to suggest that everyone will eventually get the reward;</li> <li>• A loving God could not allow the eternal suffering of the damned so in the end they must be forgiven.</li> </ul>	
<b>Question Total</b>		<b>[24]</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	<p><b>Describe the ways Christians might keep Lent.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to prepare for Easter;</li> <li>• The way some choose to fast from favourite foods or activities;</li> <li>• The way some Christians choose to do more for others as a way of keeping Lent;</li> <li>• Some may describe the various services during Holy Week.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>2(b)</b>	<p><b>Explain why Lent is important for Christians.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Lent helps with the preparation for and understanding of Easter;</li> <li>• The significance of the death and resurrection of Jesus for Christians.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>2(c)</b>	<p><b>‘Preparing for Easter is the most important thing a Christian can do.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Placing Easter in the context of the liturgical year, laying a foundation to address the legitimacy of the claim that it is the most important of Christian feasts;</li> <li>• Exploring the meaning of resurrection, using this theological concept as an alternative route to addressing the issue;</li> <li>• Comparing Easter with specific feasts; for example they may argue that without the incarnation celebrated at Christmas, none of the other feasts could follow;</li> <li>• Alternatively they may say that if Christians accept Pentecost as the ‘Birthday of the Church’ then for followers this could be argued as the most important feast of the year;</li> </ul>	<b>[12]</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Others may take a completely different track and compare celebrating feasts with other Christian activities arguing, for example that caring for the poor, the elderly, the vulnerable are more important activities than preparing for Easter;</li> <li>Some candidates may argue that to be fully Christian these activities cannot be separated and that to follow Christ they must celebrate and work for the kingdom without making false distinctions.</li> </ul>	
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<b>3(a)</b>	<p><b>Describe what is meant by ecumenism and give some examples of how it is put into practice.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The movement which tries to unite Christians;</li> <li>The desire/wish for Christians to unite/work together as they serve one Lord and one Master;</li> <li>World Council of Churches;</li> <li>Shared churches – same building used by different denominations, joint worship activities;</li> <li>Reconciliation/agreement between denominations;</li> <li>Ecumenical communities e.g. Taizé, Iona;</li> <li>Charitable activities.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>
<b>3(b)</b>	<p><b>Explain why Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians worship in different ways.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different sources of authority e.g. Pope and Patriarch;</li> <li>Different calendars for the church year;</li> <li>Reliance on ancient liturgy (St John Chrysostom) in some Orthodox worship which may mean the service is not conducted in the vernacular;</li> <li>Different emphases on the value and importance of icons, statues and other ritual artefacts;</li> <li>Orthodox worship focused on the mystical;</li> <li>RC worship focused on the sacraments;</li> <li>Orthodox dramatic celebrations based on the importance of the resurrection vs. the greater emphasis on the death of Jesus in some RC worship;</li> <li>Historical reasons – east west schism.</li> </ul>	<b>[6]</b>

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3(c)	<p><b>‘Christians should forget their differences and worship together in the same way.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All believe in the same God and that Jesus is the Son of God so why should there be different denominations;</li> <li>• Jesus did not advocate elaborate forms of worship and Christians are supposed to follow in his footsteps, therefore they do not need different forms of worship as long as their worship is in spirit and truth;</li> <li>• Different forms of worship make Christians look weak and lead to disagreements which tear communities apart;</li> <li>• The command to love one another should eliminate the need for differences and so Christians should pray together.</li> <li>• Not everybody finds the same way of worship appropriate or satisfactory;</li> <li>• Traditions are very firmly entrenched and it is better to understand why Christians differ and appreciate the richness and variety of traditions than to make everyone the same;</li> <li>• For some Christians the reason they worship in a particular way is based on firmly held beliefs and no one has the right to force them to be different.</li> </ul>	[12]
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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

<b>Question</b>	<b>AO1</b>	<b>AO2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
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<b>3(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>